

HONORING RICHARD NEWTON ON
HIS CAMPAIGN TO BE ELECTED
TO THE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 1

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard Newton, a resident of Chautauqua County for his quest to become the elected representative to the first legislative district in the Chautauqua County Legislature. Although Mr. Newton was not able to realize his dream he has been able to make an impact on other's lives in a different way.

The campaign trail is a difficult path to take. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Newton traveled that path with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the voters of district 1.

Chautauqua County is blessed to have such strong candidates with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Newton is one of those people and that is why, Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor him today.

HONORING CAPTAIN JOEL E.
CAHILL

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, Captain Joel Cahill died last month from injuries he sustained while serving in Iraq. The personnel carrier in which he was traveling hit a roadside bomb, killing him instantly. He was 34 years old. He leaves behind his two daughters, Faith and Briana, and his wife, Mary.

Joel was the son of Larry and Barbara Cahill. He graduated from Papillion-La Vista High School in 1989 and enrolled in the Army a year later. His first act was to register for Special Forces training. With his strong intellect and fierce dedication, Joel Cahill became a decorated member of the U.S. Army Rangers. Joel also went on to continue his education at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, majoring in general studies. He served in Iraq with the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry from Fort Benning, Georgia.

During his service, Captain Cahill became a skillful soldier. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Soldier's Medal, which he received for saving the life of a fellow soldier. During a training exercise with live grenades, Joel's quick action delivered a colleague from harm.

This act of bravery demonstrated how he lived his life; by putting others before himself. Joel Cahill had a strong sense of purpose. When asked about his recent assignment, he responded, with heartfelt emotion in his voice, "I strongly believe that this is what I need to do to keep my girls safe in the future."

Captain Cahill took pride in protecting America. His brother, Randy, described Joel as a compassionate individual with a good sense of humor, who conveyed a sense of sincere gratitude towards the troops with whom he served.

Captain Cahill's death is particularly hard. The father of young children, the husband of a young wife, his loss carries an unyielding sting. As we pay tribute to him, our hope is the sting may be softened, if for a moment, by the remembrance of a heroic soldier who sacrificed himself in service to his country. Captain Cahill lived and died an American patriot.

Captain Cahill now rests in Arlington National Cemetery; a fitting tribute for a dedicated soldier. He is a true hero. We shall forever be grateful.

IN RECOGNITION OF JENNIFER
ROSS AND HER SERVICE IN THE
PEACE CORPS

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent Jennifer Ross, who has recently returned from two years of service in the Peace Corps.

Ms. Ross has followed in the footsteps of over 182,000 Americans who have served in 138 countries around the world since the Peace Corps' inception in 1961. Every year, thousands of selfless volunteers share their time and talents by serving as teachers, business advisors, information technology consultants, health and HIV/AIDS educators, and youth and agriculture workers.

Ms. Ross spent her time in the Peace Corps teaching students in Cotuijani, Moldova, about health education and life skills, such as the development of self esteem and the value of friendship. In order to promote these lessons she used baseball as a teambuilding effort and as a means of creating a positive environment for her students.

Seeing the success of baseball in fostering sportsmanship and self confidence in her students, Jennifer worked to obtain a \$65,700 grant from the Baseball for Tomorrow Fund. Using this grant, she set up a summer baseball camp in Moldova.

Although Ms. Ross's service in the Peace Corps has ended, she has made a lasting impression on lives of the children she worked with in Moldova. I am proud of Ms. Ross and all of my constituents who are serving and have served in the Peace Corps and I offer them my deepest gratitude.

HONORING RETIRING CONCORD
TOWN COUNCILMAN JOHN ALLAN

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor John Allan, whose service as a member of the Concord Town Board will come to an end on December 31, 2005.

Councilman Allan is a man dedicated to effective public service for the resident of the town of Concord. Few public officials love their hometown the way John Allan does, and his public acts have always had the intention of making life in the town of Concord better for those fortunate enough to live there.

While John's most recent run for public office has proven unsuccessful, it is a virtual certainty that he will remain active in local civic affairs. That is a good thing, for the town of Concord is better for the active public service of individuals like John Allan.

I want to thank you, Mr. Speaker, for offering me this opportunity to honor the public service of retiring Concord Councilman John Allan, and I hope that you will join me in offering to Mr. Allan the House's best wishes of good luck and Godspeed in all of his future endeavors.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE
THAT DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES
IN IRAQ BE TERMINATED IMMEDIATELY

SPEECH OF

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2005

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, the resolution under consideration poses a clear and concise policy question. Either you support the mission our troops are carrying out in Iraq or you are against it.

I voted to authorize the use of force back on October 10, 2002 and today I want to reaffirm, on the record, my support for this important mission. Furthermore, I want to let all of our troops know, especially those who train and operate at the four military bases in my congressional district, that I will continue to support those strategies that will lead us to victory and stand opposed to any cut-and-run strategy.

In his book, *The Hinge of Fate*, Winston Churchill said, "I like commanders on land and sea and in the air to feel that between them and all forms of public criticism the Government stands like a strong bulkhead. They ought to have a fair chance, and more than one chance."

I think that we ought to let those words sink in. They ought to have a fair chance, and more than one chance.

No one ever said war was easy and any historian can tell you that anything of significant value has never come easy. The brave men and women serving in Iraq are writing the latest chapter in the history of freedom.

We should look forward, continue to support our troops, and provide them with the tools and the strategy to triumph—completing their mission is the most important thing to them. It should be our goal as well.

Mr. Speaker, let's show our support for this mission and embrace a victory strategy, not just an exit strategy.

TRIBUTE TO MR. RICHARD E.
TOMKO

HON. TIM HOLDEN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Richard E. Tomko of St. Clair, Pennsylvania for his many years of selfless and heartfelt service to the residents of St.